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14 June 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Historical Staff

SUBJECT : Status of the DDI Historical Program,  
15 June 1973

1. The next few months should see the completion of the major part of the DDI Historical Program. Three writers are still working on the final chapters of their office histories. Except for those chapters, however, drafts have been completed for all the overall office histories. In addition, monographs covering a wide variety of activities have been published or are nearing completion. The number of published histories now stands at 30 out of a total program of 49. Of the remaining 19 papers currently scheduled, 3 are in final typing and will soon be ready for publication. Only two are less than half finished.

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2. [REDACTED] has completed a draft of his history of the Office of the DDI through the tenure of Cline. He is now working on a final section which will cover the Smith years.

3. The committee system which CRS adopted to complete its history worked well. A first draft has been completed and is awaiting review. There are a few gaps - which will be bridgeable - but most of the inputs provide a substantial contribution to the history of CRS and of the Agency. [REDACTED] will continue as coordinator and editor for the entire package during the review process.

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4. Recent reorganizations have provided DCS with some time for history-writing, and [REDACTED] is using the opportunity to finish one or both of the manuscripts left unfinished by previous authors.

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5. [REDACTED] history of [REDACTED] - a major work - and IRS's history of the Collection Guidance Staff - which covers a much shorter span - are both in final typing, with publication anticipated during the summer months.

6. The first volume of the overall history of NPIC has been published and the second volume is nearing completion. Because of the impending retirement of the author, [REDACTED] the succeeding volumes have been cancelled. The development of photographic intelligence in CIA will thus be covered only through 1958. NPIC still hopes to complete two additional monographs on special aspects of its work.

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7. OBGI has again revised and reduced its program. The final volume of the Map Library trilogy is being typed for publication. Geography Division has cancelled its remaining papers, including the one giving an overview of the Division's history. Cartography Division, which has some manpower available for the project, intends to continue with its three

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remaining papers. The Division history for the period 1952-1967 is currently active; the other two are currently in suspension.

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9. OSR has completed a draft of its history of Strategic Intelligence in CIA and submitted it to a variety of readers, including the DDI Historical Officer, for review. It contains substantive discussions of CIA's role in resolving the "bomber gap" and "missile gap" issues, together with a broader treatment of other developments leading up to the creation of OSR.

10. In sum, the "catching up period" of history writing has, in the DDI area, succeeded in providing basic coverage of the development of virtually all of the major components in the Directorate. Office histories will soon be available for all units except OO, OBG, and IAS. In the case of the first two, nearly all the major activities of the office will have been covered by individual monographs. IAS, on the other hand, is still too young to be a proper subject for history. The total output of the program surveys a group of operations that were innovative, reasonably efficient, and contributory to the overall development of CIA during its formative years.

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